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1. ON APRIL 23, 1976 THE DANISH PARLIAMENT PASSED AN ACT ENTITLED "ACT ON ENERGY-POLICY MEASURES." THE ACT HAS THREE OBJECTIVES: (1) IT CALLS FOR THE COMMERCE MINISTER TO PRESENT TO THE PARLIAMENT STATEMENTS ON THE NATION'S ENERGY POLICY. SUCH STATEMENTS ARE TO PROVIDE (A) EVALUATIONS OF ENERGY NEEDS AND SUPPLY POSSIBILITIES, (B) OBJECTIVES AND PLANS FOR THE PROPER ACQUISITION AND USAGE OF VARIOUS KINDS OF ENERGY, AND (C) PROGRAMS FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PREPARATION OF THESE STATEMENTS, THE COMMERCE MINISTER WILL BE ADVISED BY A COUNCIL FOR ENERGY PLANNING AND RESEARCH. THIS COUNCIL WILL HAVE 11 REPRESENTATIVES, RECRUITED PRIMARILY FROM TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS.

(2) THE ACT SET UP AN ENERGY ADMINISTRATION TO AID THE COMMERCE MINISTER AND OTHER AGENCIES ON ENERGY QUESTIONS. THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL FOLLOW AND EVALUATE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO PRODUCTION, SUPPLY, CONSUMPTION, AND RESEARCH.

(3) THE ACT TRANSFERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NUCLEAR TEST PLANT AT RISO FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IS ABOLISHED. THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE RISO PLANT WILL BE PERFORMED BY A GOVERNING BOARD RESPONSIBLE TO THE MINISTRY.

2. COMMENT: DENMARK HAS FOR SOME TIME DISCUSSED VARIOUS DOMESTIC MEASURES TO COPE WITH ITS VULNERABLE POSITION WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL ENERGY SUPPLIES. THIS ACT REFLECTS A STRONG DESIRE BY PARLIAMENT TO COORDINATE AND CONSOLIDATE DANISH ENERGY PROGRAMS HANDLED BY DIFFERENT AGENCIES. THE ACT ALSO HELPS PAVE THE WAY FOR POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN DENMARK, A SUBJECT THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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